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BLM invites public to share vision for Eastern Colorado RMP

CANON CITY, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office is inviting the public to share their vision for the future of their community and how BLM managed public lands and federal minerals fit into that vision at a series of public meetings in May. These envisioning meetings will help guide the BLM as they develop the Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan.

“We want the public to help us determine how their public lands should be managed,” said Keith Berger, Royal Gorge Field Office Manager. “Public input helps the BLM develop a lasting framework for land use and resource management decisions.”

The BLM will work collaboratively with the public, cooperating agencies, other agencies, and partners to begin identifying the vision for the planning area and key management priorities to be addressed in the upcoming resource management plan revision.

The Envisioning Meetings are scheduled for:

- May 18 Greeley, Greeley Recreation Center 651 10th Ave, 7:00-9:00 pm
- May 19 Golden, Denver Marriott West, 1717 Denver West Blvd, 3:00-5:00 pm
- May 20 Fairplay, Fairplay Community Center, 880 Bogue St, 2:00-4:00 pm
- May 26 Salida, Salida High School, 26 Jones Ave, 7:00-9:00 pm
- May 27 Leadville, National Mining Museum, 117 East 10th St, 5:30-7:30 pm
- June 2 Walsenburg, Huerfano County Community Center, 1038 Russell, 7:00-9:00 pm
- June 3 Cañon City, Washington Elementary School, 606 9th St, 7:00-9:00 pm

The Resource Management Plan revision provides a plan for managing development, conserving land and protecting local communities’ character and quality of life. To learn more about the Eastern Colorado RMP, please visit: <http://on.doi.gov/1HVULcA>.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.